Public Hearing: Implementation of Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards Cost Cap Provisions, 26 Del. C. §354(i) & (j)





November 23, 2015 6:00 p.m. PSC Hearing Room

REPSA

- ► Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards Act
- ► Amended by Senate Substitute 1 to Senate Bill 119 in June, 2010
- ► Includes cost cap provisions for regulated utilities, 26 *Del. C.* §354(i) & (j)
 - ▶ RPS: 3% of total retail cost of electricity
 - ► Solar PV: 1% of total retail cost of electricity





Proposed Regulation

- ▶ Directs how the Division of Energy & Climate calculates the cost of compliance with the RPS
- ➤ Directs how the Director of the Division of Energy & Climate determines whether and when to impose a freeze in implementation of the RPS
- ► Directs how the Director of the Division of Energy & Climate determines whether and when to lift a freeze





Regulatory Process

- ▶ Petition for Rule-making filed with the Division of Energy & Climate on November 2, 2011
- ► Start Action Notice signed by DNREC Secretary Collin O'Mara on April 16, 2012
- ► Workgroup sessions held in August and September, 2012





Regulatory Process, Continued

- ► Proposed Regulation published in December 1, 2013 Register of Regulations
- ▶ Public Hearing held on January 8, 2014
- ► Second draft Regulation published in December 1, 2014 Register of Regulations
- ▶ Public Hearing held on January 7, 2015





Regulatory Process, Continued

- ► Erroneous draft Regulation published in the October 1, 2015 *Register of Regulations*
- ► Correct draft Regulation published in November 1, 2015 Register of Regulations
- ► Comment period open until December 8, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
- ► All comments received to date are part of the record





Changes to Proposed Regulation

- ► The total annual interpretation of the cost of compliance replaces the year-over-year interpretation
- ► QFCP or Bloom Energy costs (not defined as renewable energy in the statute) are not included in the cost of compliance
- ► Specific references to consultation with the PSC are included





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